

- 312 operations were conducted below the town of Baramulla for removal of silt and other barriers. Scientific departments
- 471 were established. The Co-operative movement was introduced.
 - 648 The assistance rendered to the British Empire in
 - 175 times of emergency and war may also be briefly mentioned. The brilliant services of the State troops in the Black Mountain, Agror Valley and Tirah expeditions met with grateful appreciation of the British Government. The contribution of the State during the Great War in man power was the highest (31,000) among all Indian States.
 - 652 The cost of maintaining the troops sent over-seas came to Rs. 1,11,00,000. In addition, the State contributed three-fourths of a crore to the war loan. Battle Honours were won by the State forces in several fronts in East Africa and Palestine.
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28. Co-operation.—"In Co-operation lies the hope of the Agricultural".

Co-operation is a league of the weak against the strong. It has made rapid strides during the decade. The number of Central Societies has risen from 9 to 14, the agricultural societies have similarly gone up from 948 to 2,438 while non-credit societies number 170 and the non-agricultural societies are 294 compared to 40 in 1923. The total membership of these societies is 63,364 nearly 300 per cent. more than it was formerly. The working capital of these societies amounts to Rs. 7,019,190 and is made of share capital, reserve fund, deposits, loans from Government and loans from Central Societies and societies. The loans from Government amounts to Rs. 435,000 only while share capital and deposits stand at Rs. 1,505,386 and 1,084,311 respectively. The objects for which loans are advanced will be clear from the statement given in the margin which will show that purchase of cattle and payment of land revenue stand foremost. 134 societies in Kashmir and 72 in Jammu Province have grown self-sufficient while 187 societies in both the provinces have failed. The Government has granted material concessions to these societies. 75 per cent. rebate is allowed on money order commission, exemption is granted from stamp and registration fees, the money of societies is kept in safe custody in the Government treasuries, the societies are empowered to issue landies. $\frac{1}{4}$ of land revenue of *Kharif* is remitted in favour of co-operation societies besides several other facilities. The Co-operative Department has roused in the people a just social endeavour to restrict extravagant expenditure on ceremonial occasions and take to education. In 134 villages the department has passed a scheme of consolidation of holdings and raised the average area per field from 7.49 acres to 22.08 acres. The movement has received a vigorous fillip from the enactment of the Agricultural Relief Regulation. The Co-operative Department is also bringing together the various classes like weavers and others as will be seen from the number of non-agricultural societies.

Source of loans, 1902 A. D.

Sl. No.	Object.	Amount.	
		No. of loans.	Amount.
1	Purchase of cattle ..	17-00	17-00
2	Payment of land revenue and <i>khata</i> ..	10-10	10-10
3	Purchase of seed ..	9	45
4	Buildings ..	9-01	9-01
5	Payment of <i>Khata</i> ..	10-10	10-10
6	Stocked expenses ..	4-00	4-00
7	Purchase and repair of buildings ..	10-07	10-07
8	Purchase of tools ..	9	45
9	Tools ..	9-00	9-00
10	Purchase of <i>khata</i> ..	10	17
11	Purchase of raw materials ..	10	10
12	Purchase of stock of grain ..	10	10
13	Subsidies of transport, fuel and <i>khata</i> ..	1-00	1-00
14	Purchase of land and <i>khata</i> ..	10	1-00
15	Purchase of buildings ..	10-00	10-00
16	Stock expenses ..	10	10
17	Buildings ..	1-00	1-00

29. General Administration.—The saddest event of the decade was the demise of His Highness Lt.-General Shri Maharaja Pratap Singh J. Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.B.E., M. A., who passed away on the 2nd of September 1925 at the age of seventy six.

He was succeeded by His Highness Shri Maharaja Harbhaj Singh Bahadur, G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., who now holds the reins of Government. His accession to the Gaddi was a harbinger of number of social and political measures of sweeping importance. The Agricultural Relief Regulation which has freed the peasantry from the money-lender is a case in point. His Highness has always striven to act in accordance with the wishes of his people and has for the first time established the convention of calling annually the Representatives of the people to the capital in conference to consult them on measures touching their welfare, and the step is one of unique importance in the history of the State in ushering in an era of popular Government. Besides the re-organization of the Kashmir State Forces, constitution of a High Court Bench, re-organization of Police and of several other departments which form the outstanding feature of the period of his reign he has initiated a keen interest in social reform and has placed on the statute book of the

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